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Cc: Tenley, Clancy[Tenley.Clancy@epa.gov]; Gray, David[gray.david@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Allen, HarryL[Allen.HarryL@epa.gov]
From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Wed 9/23/2015 7:03:05 PM
Subject: Re: Winter Discharge Treatment

Steve - this one has a slight update:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Sept. 23, 2015

EPA Announces Gold King Mine Water Treatment System for Winter 2015-16

(Washington, D.C.) -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced today that a portable, temporary treatment system will be located in Gladstone, CO to continue treating water discharged from the Gold King Mine during winter 2015-16. This system will replace temporary settling ponds constructed by the EPA in August 2015.

The transition to the portable treatment system is necessary as winter temperatures at the mine site (elevation 10,500 feet) can reach -20F, making it unsafe to manually treat water at the mine site. The schedule calls for the treatment system to be operational by Oct. 14, 2015. EPA's contractor, ER LLC, awarded a subcontract Sept. 22, 2015 to Alexco Environmental Group (US) Inc. to complete the work.

This system will treat the approximately 550 gallons per minute (gpm) of water that continue to flow from the mine, including the discharges related to ongoing work in the mine to stabilize conditions. The system is designed to handle up to 1,200 gpm. The objective of the treatment system is to neutralize the mine discharge and remove solids and metals. Although the Gold King Mine discharge is just one of many into Cement Creek, the treatment will remove a portion of the metal loading to Cement Creek.

The EPA continues to evaluate data to determine the impact of the Gold King Mine on water quality.

Additional information about EPA's Gold King Mine response: www.epa.gov/goldkingmine

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c: 202-768-5780

From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 2:55 PM
To: Calanog, Steve
Cc: StClair, Christie; Tenley, Clancy; Gray, David; Grantham, Nancy; Allen, HarryL
Subject: RE: Winter Discharge Treatment

Thanks Steve. It is the release lower down on this email chain.

From: Calanog, Steve
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:55 PM
To: McGrath, Shaun
Cc: StClair, Christie; Tenley, Clancy; Gray, David; Grantham, Nancy; Allen, HarryL
Subject: Re: Winter Discharge Treatment

Shaun - I can coordinate with the NN here in Window Rock.

Christie - Please send me the final final release.

From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 11:51 AM
To: StClair, Christie
Cc: Russo, Rebecca; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Calanog, Steve
Subject: RE: Winter Discharge Treatment

Adding Rebecca and Laura and Steve

Was Navajo Nation included? If not, can someone please get out asap?

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:48 PM
To: McGrath, Shaun
Subject: Re: Winter Discharge Treatment

Shaun, didn't see NN under R8 or R6's notifications. Do you know who is handling?

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On Sep 23, 2015, at 2:31 PM, "McGrath, Shaun" <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov> wrote:

All,

We are cleared to move forward.

Rebecca, please commence the notifications of elected officials.

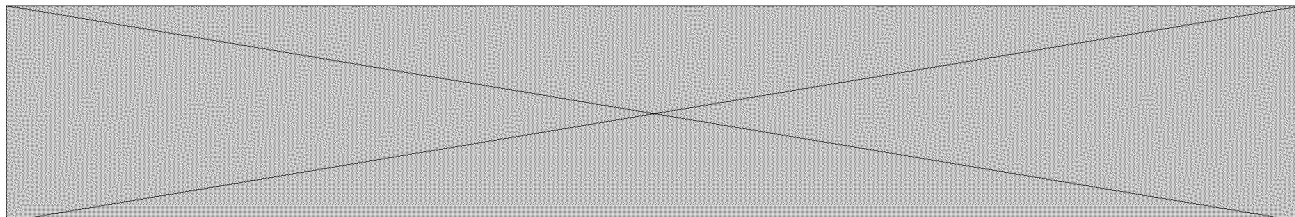
Laura, at 1:30 MST, issue the release to the media.

Thanks,

Shaun

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 9:25 AM
To: Gray, David; McGrath, Shaun; Deitz, Randy
Cc: Purchia, Liz; Distefano, Nichole; Ostrander, David; Braun, Richard; Sandoval, Joni; Way, Steven; Mills, Bethany; Reynolds, Thomas; Ackerman, Joyce; Vaught, Laura; Calanog, Steve; Card, Joan; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Russo, Rebecca; Hull, George; Smith, Roxanne
Subject: Re: Winter Discharge Treatment

All - Here is the final, formatted press release. Once Shaun green-lights, we'll leave an hour for notifications and then send the release to our GKM distribution list + post on the GKM site.



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